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HONGKONG legislators on the unofficial side may yet be inclined to take courage from the results of Singapore's agitation to reduce the Military contribution. We have spoken before of the discouragement that takes hold of those who from time to time attempt the task of "kicking against the pricks." It is no unfamiliar sensation either here or at Singapore, where also there are, as the Straits' Times phrases it, "old and tried warriors who have taken off their armour and resigned themselves to their fate." Our southern contemporary claims that there is every reason to be satisfied with the progress of the agitation for a readjustment of the military tax on colonial prosperity. They have succeeded in "overcoming myopic unofficial opposition to the raising of the question," in encouraging the discouraged agitators who had been sulking in their tents, and in winning some sympathy even in the official phalanx. Further hope is now based on the fact that the noise of their complainings has gone farther afield, that the agitation has been taken up by the press of London. That lifts it from the status of parochial discontent, and puts the question where a timely shove from Hongkong would be most effective. Our contemporary has no doubt that a simultaneous resolution by the Official Members of the Legislative Councils of Singapore and Hongkong and a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the time Parliament is sitting would have

the desired effect of forcing the question upon the consideration of the Imperial authorities. The following reference is made to the contribution by the *Investor's Review* of November 9th:-

The Straits Settlements are objecting strenuously to the increase of their military burdens. A three days' debate took place in the Legislative Council on the budget, and the vote to spend £205,000 as a military contribution in the current year was carried only by the casting vote of the Governor. All the unofficial members strongly condemned the vote, and pointed out that the charge had increased from £93,000 in 1898 to £246,655 in 1904, while it is still at the figure above named. No wonder there is a budget deficit of about £5,000. [This is a telegraphic mistake; the deficit is more than £5,000, being £421,000 on the original Budget statement, though it is only fair to point out that this was modified.—ED. S. T.] Unless this wasteful drain of the revenue is curtailed, there will before long be good reason to doubt the capacity of the Straits Settlements to pay the full interest on their debt.

That extract goes further, perhaps, than the local critics would go. The Colonial credit is not in danger, as sooner than that would come additional taxation. The existing imports in both colonies, however, already cause a severe strain upon the burden bearers, and an almost unbearable clog on the development of these Crown Colonies, and, of course, it is the inequitable and unbusinesslike military levy that is responsible for the mischief. Another metropolitan press-champion in the lists is the *Broad Arrow* of November 10 which expresses the opinion that justice is on the side of the southern Colony, which against its will is forced to pay a subsidy to the Imperial Government out of all proportion to its size and resources for the maintenance of Imperial responsibilities. It is quoted as saying these encouraging words:

So unconstitutional were the methods by which it was obtained, indeed, that victory in the long run is bound to rest with the Straits Settlements. But it is slow in coming. In the meantime, out of the total contribution paid by the Colonies toward Imperial Defence, they pay by far the most, Australia alone excepted. They are more than willing to maintain local defence up to the standard of efficiency, but they naturally object to bear Imperial responsibilities on a scale which is not consistent with their moral or physical conditions. After all, Singapore in particular is merely an entrepot for trade. Strategically and commercially it is of enormous importance, but it is not a colony in the true sense of the term any more than Malta or Gibraltar. Unfortunately, it was the *Admiralty* which it was obtained, indeed, that victory in the long run is bound to rest with the Straits Settlements. But it is slow in coming. In the meantime, out of the total contribution paid by the Colonies toward Imperial Defence, they pay by far the most, Australia alone excepted. They are more than willing to maintain local defence up to the standard of efficiency, but they naturally object to bear Imperial responsibilities on a scale which is not consistent with their moral or physical conditions. After all, Singapore in particular is merely an entrepot for trade. Strategically and commercially it is of enormous importance, but it is not a colony in the true sense of the term any more than Malta or Gibraltar.

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Our contemporary at Singapore very properly hopes that so much advance will not be wasted for lack of further effort, and for some reason or other it appears to be shy of Hongkong's co-operation.

We can, of course, excuse its apparently selfish desire for local relief first and foremost; that is its obvious duty; but it is not easy to see how support from Hongkong could weaken its cause. Here is its concluding passage:

We hope the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council will not lose the advantage they have obtained by the resuscitation of this agitation against an iniquitous exaction, but that they will carry the agitation to the Colonial Office by the strongest means possible, and that they will use every legitimate means in their power, to the extent of having the subject raised in Parliament, if need be, in order to secure a reasonable readjustment of the Colony's burden. Although there may be opportunities of co-operating with Hongkong, we hope the Unofficials will guard against combined action if it is likely to endanger this Colony's success. The Colony in itself has a strong case for revision of the basis of the contribution, and for its own righteous cause, it ought to make a strenuous and determined fight.

If Singapore has any chance of success in that direction, Hongkong should certainly not be left out in the cold. Our case is as hard as theirs, and we have no doubt that our representative members will keep their eyes open for every likely opportunity of striking a blow in our interests. Really, the two grievances seem to hang together, and should stand or fall together.

Col. H. Martin, R.A.M.C., is appointed Principal Medical Officer, Administrative Staff, South China.

Capt. G. Watson, R.A.M.C., serving with the 33rd Company Royal Garrison Artillery, has been appointed Armament Officer at Hongkong. The American Consulate received the telegram quoted below from the Manila Observatory at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday:—"Dee mber 17, 1907 at 4 p.m. Typhoon approaching now Northern Mindanao and Southern Visayan."

At the Police Court yesterday Mr. F. A. Hazeland fined a coolie \$20 for negligently driving a truck. The defendant got considerable way on going down a hill, and carried away a lamp post.

When Socialists really get a chance they do things sparsely. Three years ago they got the control of the town of Brest. Brest has 71,000 inhabitants; 23,584 of these are now in receipt of poor relief.

Chess players will be interested to learn that an exhibition of simultaneous play will be given in the City Hall at 5.15 this afternoon by Mr. H. W. Langborg, one of the crack players of Hongkong. Players are advised to take their own boards.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Hughes and Hough, auctioneers, offered for sale by public auction the valuable leasehold property known as Island Lot No. 427 (Spring Gardens). Bidding was slow, and as the reserve price was not reached, the property was withdrawn.

The Straits Settlements are objecting strenuously to the increase of their military burdens. A three days' debate took place in the Legislative Council on the budget, and the vote to spend £205,000 as a military contribution in the current year was carried only by the casting vote of the Governor. All the unofficial members strongly condemned the vote, and pointed out that the charge had increased from £93,000 in 1898 to £246,655 in 1904, while it is still at the figure above named. No wonder there is a budget deficit of about £5,000. [This is a telegraphic mistake; the deficit is more than £5,000, being £421,000 on the original Budget statement, though it is only fair to point out that this was modified.—ED. S. T.] Unless this wasteful drain of the revenue is curtailed, there will before long be good reason to doubt the capacity of the Straits Settlements to pay the full interest on their debt.

The exploit of Mlle. Eve Lavallière as an aeronaut is about to be thrown into the shade by another Parisian actress, Mlle. Jeanne Saulier, of the Variétés Theatre, who has ordered a 250-ton submarine from the Holland factory in America. The submarine, which will cost £40,000, is to be most luxuriously fitted with rosewood furniture and pink silk. The boat is to be used for excursions round the French coast.

Before Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts at the Police Court yesterday Inspector Gourlay prosecuted a native for uttering and being in possession of 17 counterfeit coins. The defendant tendered £20 to Mr. Claude King as the Earl trying to be an American, while he courted Miss Hamer (who played the divorcee very well) under the name, though he didn't know it of her ex-husband. Miss Croftie as usual was to the manner born in her special part. Mr. Cotter was an equally good valet. The audience, though not a large one, was thoroughly well pleased with the performance.

LAST NIGHT'S THEATRE.

The Bandmann Comedy Company made quite a hit last night with "The Earl of Pinewick," a very amusing sketch of the possibilities of divorce in the United States. Chief honours fell to Mr. Claude King as the Earl trying to be an American, while he courted Miss Hamer (who played the divorcee very well) under the name, though he didn't know it of her ex-husband. Miss Croftie as usual was to the manner born in her special part. Mr. Cotter was an equally good valet. The audience, though not a large one, was thoroughly well pleased with the performance.

THREE FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Three accidents, all of which ended fatally, were reported to the police yesterday.

At the Globe Hotel on Tuesday night there was a sad ending to a jolly evening spent by a number of marines from the U.S.S. *Wilmington*, through the accident which caused the death of Private G. Kelly, one of the party. They all decided to spend the night at the hotel, and after retiring, it appears that the deceased got up and went to the rear of the premises. When passing over a narrow gangway he is believed to have stepped over and fallen to the ground, a distance of 35 feet. When found yesterday morning his skull was fractured, and life was extinct.

The falling of a window in a small lane at the rear of D'Aguilar Street caused another death, and serious injury to two Chinese. Without warning the window came away, and fell a distance of 35 feet on to a hawker and two coolies. The skull of one of the natives was fractured, and he died before he could be removed to hospital. It appears that the premises at which the accident occurred were being lime-washed at the time, but nobody connected with the lime-washing operations is believed to have been present.

Another native, 74 years of age, received a fractured skull through a fall from the cattle wharf at Kennedytown on to his sampan. His wife witnessed the accident, but could not assist her husband who died shortly after the fall.

ALLEGED MURDER.

The hearing of the charge of murder preferred against Mo Ho, alias Lam Kuo, was continued before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday, when Mr. Frank Brown, the Government Analyst, testified to finding traces of a deadly poison in the stomach of deceased. The interpreter from No. 7 Police Station then put in the statement made by the accused when she was charged.

She said her husband, Cheung Fuk, went to buy this dose of medicine himself. Ip Po bought the green herbs and took them to her house. Ng Nin asked her to use them, stating that they would cure her husband's stomachache. That night she boiled the herbs to go with the dose of medicine which she gave her husband to drink.

When asked if she wished to make a statement at the Court yesterday, she said that, on November 17th, at 10 a.m., Ng Nin was stooping down by a fountain in High Street, and had a medicine put in his hand. Ip Po was stooping down in Yee Lok Lane. Ng Nin told Ip Po to get a bundle of herbs. He went for them at ten in the morning, and returned at four in the afternoon.

Accused's husband went to the Yang Kai shop at four in the afternoon, and asked the accountant to feel his pulse. The accountant gave him a prescription which deceased's son was sent to get made up. He returned with the medicine at 5 p.m. When the son was returning with the medicine he was noticed by Ng Nin, who sent Ip Po to accused's house at 6.30 with medicine and green leaves. Ip Po asked her what she was boiling in the pot, and she told him medicine for her husband. Ip Po told her to put the bundle of herbs in the pot. Accused asked what kind of herbs it was, and was told that it was Yau Fung tea. She did not know it was poisonous.

At 7.30 her husband drank up of the medicine and died at eight o'clock. Then she knew he had been poisoned, poured out two cups of the medicine and drank it herself, and shortly afterwards became insensible.

His Worship committed the defendant for trial at the next sessions.

THE MISSING SERGEANT.

The rumour about the disappearance of Sergeant Dukes, R.G.A., who acted as provost Sergeant on board the transport *Cecilia*, was not without foundation. Dukes, who is supposed to have come ashore from the transport, has been missing since the 10th instant, and at present there is not the slightest clue as to his whereabouts. He is a short, stoutly built man, dark complexioned, and when last seen was dressed in a khaki uniform.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE].

OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 18th.

Lord Kelvin is dead, aged 88.

[*Who's Who* gives the following information about deceased:—Kelvin, 1st Baron (c. 1832),

William Thomson, P.C., O.M., G.C.V.O., M.A., F.R.S., D.L., D.C.L., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.S., F.R.S.E.,

President of St. Peter's Coll., Cambridge; Pres. Royal Soc. Edin. (4th M.); Grand Officer of Legion of Honour of France; Commander of Order of King Leopold of Belgium; the Order of the First Class of the Sacred Treasure of Japan; Foreign member Berlin Acad. of Science, etc.; Edin. Glasgow Univ.; St. Peter's Coll., Camb. 2nd Pres.; 1st Smith's Prizeman, 1845; Fellow of St. Peter's Coll. 1846-52; re-elected 1872. Acted as electrician for the Atlantic cables, 1857-58 and 1865-1866; invented mirror galvanometer and phonograph in connection with submarine telegraphy; acted as electrical engineer for French Atlantic cable, 1869; the Brazilian and River Plate cable, 1873; the West Indian cables, 1875; the Mackay-Bennett Atlantic cable, 1879; invented marine compass and navigational sounding machine, and many electrical measuring instruments, 1878-79; President British Association 1871, Edinburgh; President of Royal Society, 1890-95; Professor of Natural Philosophy, Glasgow University, 1894-1895; Chancellor of Glasgow University, 1896.]

MR. JAMES DALZIEL'S YARNS.

NEW BOOK OF LOCAL INTERESTS.

Any book written by a local man who has been well known and popular for sixteen years would interest Hongkong readers; but in the case of *In the First Watch*, and other engine-stories (London: T. Fisher Unwin) Mr. James Dalziel offers a book of high intrinsic interest.

It has a peculiar interest for Far Eastern readers; professional interest for sea-faring men wherever they may be; but beyond that, and speaking quite impartially, these fourteen stories have distinctly remarkable literary merit.

The book is not a mere collection of short stories with no more connection than the material in which they are bound. There is a something—*je ne sais quoi*—of continuity about them that may have been fortuitous

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, December 18th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

FORGERY CHARGE ADJOURNED.

Lam Wing, Han Kee, Li Hi-shin and Hop Wo-long were placed in the dock on a charge of forgery.

The Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, Attorney General, who was instructed by Mr. G. Morell from the Crown Solicitor's office, said the four prisoners had been committed for trial on charges of forgery and uttering. He asked His Lordship to allow the case to stand over till next sessions. The solicitor on the other side, Mr. R. Harding, was quite agreeable to such a course.

His Lordship—How about the recognisance?

The Attorney-General—They propose, I understand, to offer \$2000 bail, and we propose to accept a joint bond of \$2000 cash.

His Lordship—For all four.

The Attorney-General—Yes, a joint bond.

His Lordship—For forgery?

The Attorney-General—The Crown Solicitor has considered the matter.

His Lordship—Very well, if you are satisfied Case adjourned.

PIRACY AND ROBBERY.

Wong Cheung-tin, Lam Shek-on, Chan Wa and Cheung Fung-shing were indicted on charges of piracy and robbery, and pleaded not guilty.

His Lordship—I see the indictment contains charges on Common Law as well as under the Ordinance. I have very grave doubts as to whether there is any Common Law offence existing after that provided by the Ordinances, and it makes it exceedingly difficult to explain matters to the jury.

The Attorney-General—We had some difficulty in framing the indictment, as it is a question whether it is piracy at all. The prisoners were committed for trial under an Ordinance which had no application in this case; the Ordinance deals with the setting out for piracy. The question arises as to whether the offence was committed within the waters of the Colony, or on the high seas. In order to constitute piracy at Common Law it must be within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty.

His Lordship—I think any question with regard to the indictment is taken before the plea of the prisoners, and we must put this matter perfectly straight, the same as if the prisoners were defended. That being so I think we should clear up this first question on the indictment. I see your charge says on the high seas. That would be piracy by International law, and therefore piracy by Common Law. But does it fall outside the Piracy Statutes? They are in force in the Colony, you know.

The Attorney-General—I was doubtful if that was so.

His Lordship—In the constitution of the Colony the Statutes are in force. In 1841 they were in force in the Colony, therefore the old Piracy Statutes are now in force.

The Attorney-General—I am not sure that the Piracy Statutes actually meet the case.

His Lordship—I think those points should be taken.

The Attorney-General—I will explain to your Lordship my position in the matter. The evidence apparently shows that the offence was committed in territorial waters.

His Lordship—Lama Island, that is within the waters of the Colony, and that being so you don't want the Piracy Statutes.

The Attorney-General—I have based the counter on a direct precedent of a case tried in this Court.

His Lordship—This question has never been raised before.

The Attorney-General—In the other case the charge was merely one of armed robbery, although it took place at sea. In the present case, assuming the evidence shows the offence to have been committed on the high seas, it is a case of piracy. If it does not, then it is robbery.

His Lordship—I think, if your evidence is that the offence took place at Lamas Island, I should drop the Common Law counts.

The Attorney-General—As your Lordship pleases.

The following jurors were then called:—C. Glover (foreman), T. Soggie, A. Ogilvie, A. M. Jaffer, H. E. Cradock, I. S. Levy and E. Howard.

The Attorney-General told the jury that the charge against the prisoners at the bar was armed robbery within the waters of the Colony. It appeared that on November 14th four men were fishing on a junk at a place near Lamas Island. At about eight o'clock at night, as they were hauling in their fishing net, another boat approached which had a crew of six men. When the vessel ran alongside three of these men boarded the fishing junk, all being armed with knives, revolvers or some kind of firearms. One of the four men on the fishing craft was either pushed, or fell overboard. The boarders then asked the master of the fisher where he kept his money, and on being told, descended into the hold and found the box, which contained \$34 in twenty and ten cent pieces. They also secured some fish, oars and other small things on board, and at the request of the fishermen, rescued the man who went overboard. When the robbers had transferred all the stolen property to their own junk they rowed away towards the east. The master was reported that night by the four men to the police at Aberdeen. Some days later the same fishermen, while out in their junk, fell asleep, and awoke to see that four men armed with revolvers and other kinds of firearms had boarded their craft. These men demanded all the money the fishermen possessed, and stripped the boat of everything worth taking. This story was corroborated by all the prosecutors, but the difficulty would be as to the identification of the men. All the prosecutors would speak to certain of the

prisoners, but it was a curious fact that no two could identify the same man. The stolen property was found by the police in a matched box where the prisoners were arrested.

After hearing the evidence the jury, without retiring, found all of the prisoners guilty on each count, and His Lordship sentenced them to five years imprisonment on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

SINGAPORE V. CROWN AGENTS.

The *Strait Times* of December 7th says:—

It will be remembered that, at a meeting of the Legislative Council on September 6, exception was taken to an item in the Final Supply Bill of \$108,195.51, representing mainly the loss incurred by the Colonial Government on the sale of sterling investments by the Crown Agents. At the request of the Unofficial members, His Excellency the Governor wrote to Lord Elgin respecting the reply to be given them as to whether the Crown Agents could be called upon to make good the loss incurred and enclosing a copy of a report of the debate on the subject. In his despatch His Excellency pointed out that:—

In addition to this loss, (of \$36,227) in the prices realized, there was a further loss in dollars owing to the course of exchange. This loss . . . makes up \$102,717.84 of the total of \$108,195.51.

The loss due to the course of exchange in the dollar is not a real loss, as the money obtained from the sale would have been spent in London, and the real loss to the Colony is the difference between the sterling value of the securities at the time ordered to sell were received and the price ultimately realized.

Upon receiving this despatch, the Secretary of State for the Colonies wrote to His Excellency the Governor to the effect that he considered "the Crown Agents would be wanting in their duty to their principals if on the receipt of instructions they failed to bring to the notice of the Colonial Government any special circumstances which, in their opinion, would make it undesirable in the interests of the Colony to take action as directed." He "Why" said he, the other day, speaking to a *Singapore Press* representative, "they are coming down to Java."

The Sultan of Bantam (one of the Javanese islands) has been to Java to interview the Mikado. Why? It is common property, every one knows, that the Mikado is grant him protection against the Dutch. And here it may be mentioned that there exists a strong impression among the islands of the Eastern Seas that should Japan ever experience trouble with a European Power, that Power will be

seen to be a friend to Japan.

Says the engineer already quoted: I was in Java for two-and-a-half years. All the Dutch ships running from Hongkong take Japanese to Java. The Fortunatus and steel wagons were made fast and towing was begun, at first without success, the spring manilla rope hawser parting. The next morning towing recommenced, and after some time one hawser parted. About 3 o'clock, the Fortunatus was dragged by means of the remaining hawser. The total value of the Tantalus and her cargo was \$20,000. The value of the Fortunatus was \$36,488, her cargo \$19,000, and freight at risk \$1,000.

Mr. Justice Bucknill, after referring to the fact above stated, warmly praised the master of the Tantalus for the manner in which his services had been rendered. He thought the master of the Fortunatus had also seconded the services of the Tantalus with considerable skill.

It was a particular pleasure to reward services which were not those of professional sailors who were so apt to exaggerate their claims. The master of the Tantalus had told his story clearly and with modesty. Although the weather was fine there was some risk to the Tantalus, as there was a reef ahead towards which she had to tow. The services were valuable, as was shown by the fact that the Fortunatus was damaged by the stranding to the extent of 85%.

He awarded a total sum of \$3,025, which he divided as follows:—To owners, \$3,375; to the master, \$240; to the chief officer and chief engineer, \$215 each; to the second officer and second engineer, \$200 each; to the third officer and third engineer, \$75 each; to the fourth officer, \$50; to the doctor, \$20; and the steward, \$20.

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The captains and leading officers are British but the whole of the crews are Japanese. The vessels trading between Commonwealth and Eastern ports are thoroughly familiar with the Eastern and Northern Coast lines of Australia, and it is asserted that the Japanese Naval and Military authorities have a better knowledge of the Northern Territory than is possessed by the Australian Federal and State Governments.

Should the Japanese, by any chance, obtain a foothold in Java, Dutch New Guinea would inevitably follow, and then they would be within a few hours' sail of the long coveted territory, which at present forms the Autopodes No Man's Land, where the Commonwealth is practically defenceless, and will remain so while Socialism remains such a powerful factor in Australian public affairs. So long as the Northern Territory is in the hands of the Government it is usually good enough to tide over a time of financial difficulty or depression.

THE LATEST CRAZE IN AMERICAN SUBURBIA.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF LILLIPUTS.

The little Pollard People, who will make their bow one more in Hongkong on Saturday evening, are in direct line of succession from those of the same ilk with whom many of the public first made acquaintance in the early eighties of the last century. A parallel for such an unbroken stage connection may be found in the circumstances of the Terry family of which Miss Ellen Terry is the living representative, or the Brontës' three generations of whom were at one time together before the public, or to go still further back, the Kemble's (John, Philip, Charles, Fanny, and their still more famous sister, Mrs. Siddons). But any comparison of such Brodignagians with the Lilliputians falls short in respect of the fact that at no time for the third of a century have these little people been under management or control other than that of a Pollard, and moreover, the several branches of the family have always largely contributed towards its personnel. As one after another of the juveniles dropped out by so to say, the natural process of superannuation, their places were at once filled by others who have been training and undergoing for theseperious vacancies.

The Belle of New York is the picc selected to open the present season of the Lilliputians. Seats may be reserved at the Robinson Piano Co.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Taming* left Manila on 17th inst., and is due here to-morrow.

The N.Y.C. str. *Bigjon Maria* (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 17th inst., and is expected here on the 23rd inst.

The G.M. str. *Minnesota* arrived at Yokohama on 17th inst. at 1 p.m., will leave for Hongkong via usual ports of call on 18th inst., and may be expected here on 2nd prox.

The O. & O. str. *Persis* sailed from Tacoma on the 16th inst. for Hongkong via Japan ports, and is due to arrive in Hongkong on 16th prox.

AUSTRALIA'S BLUE FUNK.

A Sydney correspondent writes:—

Australians having commercial relations with that East, also those who have resided for some time in Japan and neighbouring countries, are unanimous in testifying to the rapid development of the gaily awakened national spirit in the land of the Mikado. Thousands of Australian tourists and holiday-makers annually leave Sydney and other Commonwealth ports for Japan, and invariably return deeply impressed with the marvellous industrial development observable in most of the leading cities and towns, so different almost every way from what they had been led to anticipate from the perusal of works professing to deal with Japanese characteristics.

An Australian who has just returned to Australia from a lengthened residence in Tokyo, states that everywhere the Japanese entertain a deep conviction that they are destined to become the dominant race in the Pacific, and that their future dominion will extend to the northern shores of the Commonwealth. Hence the interest with which the Federal proposal to dispense with the assistance of the Imperial Squadron in Australian waters was regarded by the Japanese native Press, which keeps the people in all parts of the Mikado's country tolerably well informed of everything affecting Japanese affairs in other lands.

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The introduction of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous musical comedy furnished a theme for local comment, being regarded as an illustration of the growing political and social influence of Japan in Europe.

A gentleman, an engineer by profession, who has been long resident in the East, and is at present in Sydney in search of health, which had become impaired by the effects of a disastrous typhoon, has much to say respecting the probabilities of the future. He was formerly in the employ of the Japanese Government, and at the time he left for Sydney occupied an official post in Siam. He speaks very strongly respecting the increasing extent to which the work of colonisation is being carried on, despite the denials of the Japanese Government.

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One marked tendency in Siam is to supplement German and British officers in the Siamese military service by Japanese. All this points to the existence of some settled plan, resembling that formerly attributed to Russia, for the future establishment of a new empire in the East.

Experts were sent from Westphalia to make full inquiries on behalf of a syndicate of Berlin bankers and financiers. They returned to Berlin yesterday, after completing inquiries, which were so satisfactory that a contract for the purchase of two thousand acres was entered into.

The site selected by the Germans will be the nearest pit to the port of Dover, the area being only about two miles inland.

Among the coal seems proved at Dover is one of very valuable steam coal, to which it is stated the Germans attach great importance.

TOWN RUINED BY SOCIALISM.

STRIKING OBJ CT LESSON FROM FRANCE.

Some remarkable statistics are published illustrating how Brast has been ruined by Socialism.

For three years the town was placed by the polls completely under the control of the Socialists. This summer the Socialists had to reconvince their power, as they had reduced the town to a state of absolute bankruptcy.

There are 71,000 inhabitants, of whom at the end of last year 23,592, or one third of the total population, were in receipt of poor relief.

The facts prove that the persons who received relief were not in a state of poverty, but that they were the recipients of corrupt indulgences on the part of the Socialist administration.

Strikes which were engineered at the arsenal endangered national defence, and were followed by similarly induced strikes of dockers and seamen, which had a disastrous effect on the maritime trade.

The building trade fell off 90 per cent. in the three years, the local Customs diminished, and the Socialist council spent three-quarters of the 25,000 surplus left by their predecessors.

Several schemes laudable enough in appearance were made the vehicle of wholesale extravagance. It was decided to organise the distribution of pure milk in working class districts. The total expenditure was £1,400 of quarters. Each which 2720 was paid in wages and rent. Each litre (1 pints) of milk, costing three pence, cost the municipality in distribution three pence.

Then the council organised a municipal theatre on Socialist lines. After two years of Socialist plays the audience so fell off that the theatre was run at a loss of £1,600 last year.

The experience of Brast had also been that of other French towns. Socialism did the same when in power at Saint Denis, Rouen, Marseilles, and Limoges. In each case a majority formed of the hated bourgeoisie had to be sought to set municipal affairs once more on a firm foundation.

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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Swatow, den 10. Dezember 1907. 1996

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1888.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that M. J. CONNELL of Seattle, Washington, in the United States of America, has on the 23rd day of September, 1907, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following TRADE MARKS, viz.:-

(1) The representation of a Red Disc supposed to represent the Sun, and the word MORROW below the same. On the right hand side thereof are the Chinese characters 朝天 meaning "RED SUN" and on the left hand side thereof are the Chinese characters 朝天 meaning "TOWARDS THE SKY," above the representation are the words "CONNELL MILLING COMPANY" and at the foot thereof is the representation of a small Red Disc and the word "MORROW."

(2) The representation of an Arum Lily printed in an ornamental circular border with the words "BITZVILLE FLOURING MILLS" on the top thereof and the words "WHITE LILY" at the foot thereof.

(3) The representation of a White Fawn in a circular landscape with the words "WHITE FAWN" below the same. Above the same are the words "BITZVILLE FLOURING MILLS, INCORPORATED" and at the foot thereof are the words "WHITE FAWN."

(4) The representation of an Ornamental Monogram containing the letters "S. R. M." with the word "CHOICE" below the same. On the right and left sides of the Monogram is the representation of several fern leaves and above the Monogram are the words "SPAGNOLI MILLS" the whole enclosed in an ornamental border.

in the name of the said M. J. CONNELL of the said address who claims to be the Sole Proprietor thereof.

The TRADE MARKS have been used by the applicant in respect of FLOUR in Class 42.

Facsimiles of the TRADE MARKS can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and also at the Office of the undersigned.

Dated the 18th day of December, 1907.

GOLDRING & BARLOW, Solicitors for the Applicant, 1997, 10, Queen's Road Central.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1907.

NOTICE.

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AUCTIONS

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Hongkong, 6th November, 1907. 1779

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... 83,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 687,500 0 0
FIRE FUNDS... 3,320,720 19 8

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 27th April, 1907. 1146

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ROYAL MOVEMENTS.

DEPARTURE OF THE KING'S GUESTS.

The *Globe* of November 12th reports as follows:

After a week's fine weather following upon the fog which marked their arrival, the departure of the King and Queen's Imperial and Royal guests took place this morning in wet and dismal weather. In spite of this, however, hundreds of persons lined the route from Castle Hill to the South Western Railway Stations, whence the German Empress was to make her departure for Port Victoria. Closed carriages conveyed the whole of the Royal personages, and there was no escort.

The departure platform of the station was carpeted, and the walls on either side of the entrance to the Royal waiting-room were covered with crimson material and trophies. The waiting-room was decorated with flowers.

The first to arrive was Prince Christian, from Cumberland Lodge. Then followed the suites from the Castle of the two Royal houses. A four-horse landau, preceded by outriders, brought the King and Queen and the Emperor and Empress. Other carriages brought Princess Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia of Connaught, and from Frogmore House, the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Arthur of Connaught.

A large number of presentations were made in the waiting-room.

Outside there was much shaking of hands between the Empress and the Lords and Ladies in Waiting on the platform who had come to witness the departure.

The Empress wore a gown of peacock blue, with large picture hat. The Queen was in black with a bunch of violets. The King wore a long overcoat and rose pink carnation in his button-hole.

The Empress and Queen kissed each other, and the Empress was also kissed by the King. The Emperor kissed his Consort on both cheeks, and handed her into the Royal saloon of the train, which, in charge of Mr. F. G. West, assistant superintendent of the line, steamed out of the station at 10.45 for Port Victoria, where the Empress embarked on board the "Hohenzollern" for the Continent. The Imperial yacht leaves to-morrow morning.

Immediately upon the Empress's departure, the King and Queen, the Emperor, and the Royal personages, with their suite, entered the carriage in waiting and galloped up the Thames Hill to the Great Western Station, the Royal train being timed to leave with the Kaiser at eleven o'clock. Here, in the Royal waiting-room, were farewells between the Emperor and his Royal hosts, and a number of the Royal Household at the Castle were formally presented.

The King escorted his Royal nephew to the saloon, and on the way the Emperor shook hands heartily with the Mayor, Alderman Hampfyre. His Majesty said to his Worship: "I am very happy to have had such a pleasant time in Windsor."

The Mayor replied that the Wind or people would cherish memories of His Majesty's visit.

The Kaiser then entered the saloon, the King standing at the window, with Queen Alexandra a little distance behind. There were more hearty farewells and waving of hands, and the train punctually steamed out for Hinton Admiral. Mr. Morris superintendent of the Great Western line, and Mr. Holmes, superintendent of the London and South-Western (over whose line from Basingstoke the train ran), were in charge.

Murphy now carries a card.

the Kaiser's armada of thirty-eight first-class battleships, contemplated by the Naval Act of 1900. They will be supported by at least eight armoured cruisers of 13,000 tons.

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After a recent experience, however, he is not quite so sure about his former assertion.

Accompanied by his wife, Colonel Murphy arrived in London on a visit to his married daughter Mrs. Cuthbertson, who resides in Russell-square.

Shortly after ten o'clock at night, Colonel Murphy drove by cab to the Carlton Hotel to transact business with a friend. Two hours after he made his way to the American Cable Office in Northumberland-avenue, and after sending a message to America, hailed a cab, intending to be driven home.

Unfortunately, he could not remember the name of the square in which his daughter lived. Cabbie was given a description of the locality, and confidently he drove to—Hans Crescent, Sloane-street.

Here Colonel Murphy again tried explanation, and the driver seemed to grasp things more perfectly, but the second journey ended in Mount-street, just by the Hotel Coburg.

Now began a thorough "heart to heart" talk.

"It's a square of some sort, with a park and a hotel just by, and statues as well," explained Colonel Murphy.

"Oh, a square—not much trouble finding that," answered the cabman, and another "grope" finished up at Morley. Colonel Murphy was now in anything but a pleasant mood, and he was still far from home.

He drove back to the Carlton, awakened his friend, Mr. J. C. Esher, the publisher and explained the situation. "That's simple enough," said Mr. Esher. "Stop here with me."

"No, that won't do," Colonel Murphy responded. "Mrs. Murphy will be greatly worried, and besides I must get home."

The directory gave them no assistance, and finally Bedford-square was chosen as a likely place, only to be drawn blank. Colonel Murphy drove back to the Carlton, and by dint of careful-minded pictures Mr. Esher thought he saw light—square, statues, hotel—why, Russell-square, answered this description.

Colonel Murphy tried again, and this time found the "Lost Homeless." Meanwhile the colonel's son-in-law had driven to the Carlton, in search of his wife's father, and again Mr. Esher was called up.

Explanations followed, and Mr. Cuthbertson returned to Russell-square just as Colonel Murphy was besting a tattoo on the door.

Cabbie received thirty shillings, and Colonel Murphy now carries a card.



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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

CHIYUEN, Chinese str., 18th Dec.—Canton.
HAIKUN, British str., 6th, 2, J. Hobson, 18th Dec.—Fuchow Dec. 15th, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HELENE, German str., 27th, J. Jansen, 17th December—Touane & Quinhon 14th Dec., Rice and General—Johnson & Co.

HIRAFU MARU, Japanese str., 647, Calaway, 18th December—Singapore 7th December.

HULCHOW, British str., 18th Dec.—Canton.

LIANGCHOW, British str., 1215, Harder, 18th December—Shanghai 18th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

MELIET, Dutch str., 1,067, B. Uddal, 18th Dec.—Java via Singapore 9th Dec., Sugar and Cotton—Chines.

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, German str., 5,031, E. Melchow, 18th December—Hamburg 7th Nov. and Singapore 13th Dec., Mail and General—Melchers & Co.

ERASER, British str., 18th Dec.—Canton.

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Mogune, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

17th December.

LAIKETES, British str., for Singapore.

18th December.

BENLARIG, British str., for Nagasaki.

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & B.R.	B.R.H.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SYRIA	Brit. str.	D. C. Gregor, B.N.E.	E. & O. S. N. Co.	About 18th inst.	
LONDON &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DELTA	Brit. str.	C. L. Daniel, B.N.E.	E. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.	
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	TOURANE	Frenstr.	Laedocin	MESSENGERS MARITIMES	On 24th inst., at 1 P.M.	
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	HAMBURG	Gor. str.	Filles	MELCHERS & CO.	On 30th January.	
MARSEILLES, HAVE & HAMBURG &c.	SCANDIA	Swed. str.	v. Döhren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th January.	
MARSEILLES, HAVE & COPENHAGEN	SLAM	Gor. str.	Sachs	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of January.	
MARSEILLES, HAVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SEGOVIA	Gor. str.	Denmat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.	
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AGRAVIA	Gor. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 16th January.	
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. FRED. LAKISZ	Gor. str.	Isabel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th January.	
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAXONIA	Gor. str.	Woltemas	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 14th February.	
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Ans. str.	Matcovich	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 25th inst.	
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ALBENGA	Gor. str.	Petersen	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 26th inst.	
EMPEROR OF CHINA	TSINGTAU	Brit. str.	...	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 28th Jan., at Noon.	
MONTAGUE	...	Am. str.	...	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 28th January.	
KUMERIC	...	Am. str.	...	GIBR, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 28th inst., at Noon.	
KATHERINE PARK	...	Am. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 4 P.M.	
ALDENHAM	...	Brit. str.	...	...	On 2nd Jan., at 5 P.M.
TAFTYAN	...	Brit. str.	...	W. B. Brown	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.	
MANILA	...	Dut. str.	...	Zwart	Quick despatch.	
TIROBAS	...	Dut. str.	...	T. Stahr	On 25th inst.	
KOWLOON	...	Gor. str.	...	Sandback	To-morrow, at Noon.	
CHOFSANG	...	Gor. str.	...	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 26th inst.	
LIENSHING	...	Gor. str.	...	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st inst.	
SIAM	...	Gor. str.	...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd inst.	
SUNDA	...	Gor. str.	...	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.	
HAMBURG	...	Gor. str.	...	MESSENGERS MARITIMES	On 24th inst.	
SALAMAN	...	Gor. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst.	
SHANGHAI	...	Gor. str.	...	...	On 26th inst.
SHANGHAI & VLADIVOSTOCK	...	Gor. str.	...	A. L. Valentini	On 27th inst.	
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	...	Gor. str.	...	W. E. Sawyer	On 28th inst., at 3 P.M.	
SHANGHAI TSINGTAU & CHEFOO	...	Gor. str.	...	F. Northcombe	On 29th inst., at 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA & KOBE	...	Gor. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	...	Gor. str.	...	H. A. Wavell	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	...	Gor. str.	...	OSAKA SHORIN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at 9 A.M.	
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	...	Gor. str.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	...	Gor. str.	...	...	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI & VLADIVOSTOCK	...	Gor. str.	...	...	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	...	Gor. str.	...	A. J. Robson	On 21st inst., at 6 P.M.	
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA KOBE & MOJI	...	Gor. str.	...	Jameson	On 22nd inst., at 6 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	...	Gor. str.	...	S. J. Payne	On 23rd inst., at 6 P.M.	
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA KOBE & MOJI	...	Gor. str.				

